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| In re: Application of | INOUE          | Confirmation No. | 7135            |
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For: METHOD OF EXTRACTING VOLATILE COMPONENT FROM TASTY  
MATERIAL, THE VOLATILE COMPONENT AND FOODS AND DRINKS  
CONTAINING THE VOLATILE COMPONENT

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii) copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed. Copies of the foreign references are enclosed herewith, along with English-language abstracts.

As no English translations are available for the foreign references, we are providing a concise explanation of relevance for each, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3):

- For JPO Publication, *Common and Well-known technologies (aroma chemical) First section*, use of superheated water vapor when extracting flavor by steam distillation is well known, as shown in the cited reference.
- For JP 2000-083587 A, it is disclosed that when favorite beverage raw material is subjected to steam distillation, the atmosphere in extracting kettle is replaced with nitrogen and/or carbon dioxide to effectively extract flavor components from the raw material.
- For JP 06-030754 A, it is common that coffee beans are roasted by superheated water vapor.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that such documents constitute prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove the listed documents as competent references against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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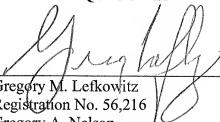
In view of the above certification, a fee is not required for consideration of this document. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

Respectfully submitted,

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